406. **Mr. Joseph Pettah.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it was not a rule or policy some time ago in the State that Paper-setters for the School Final Examinations should not be appointed from among the teachers of the High Schools;

(b) has there been of late a change in this rule or policy and, if so, what are the reasons for the same?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) and (b) Please see the answer to question No. 405.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—On a point of order, Sir. That is a repetition of question No. 405. Is it allowable under the rules?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—It is not the same question. The one refers to the rule while the other refers to the rule and policy. In the first question there is no mention of policy.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Sub-division (b) of both the questions is the same. There is no difference.

President.—Anyhow it has been admitted.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Two similar questions stand in the name of the same Member; whether it serves any public interest?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Under the rules questions fully answered need not be admitted again. But this was not answered.

Appointment of College Lecturers and Professors as Paper-setters for the S. F. Examination.

407. **Mr. Joseph Pettah.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any rule or understanding has been laid down within the last 4 or 5 years to the effect that Examiners (including Paper-setters) for the School Final Examinations should not ordinarily be appointed from among College Lecturers and Professors in the State;

(b) and, if so, what are the reasons which prompted the authorities concerned to lay down such a rule or to come to such an understanding?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) There is no definite rule or understanding to the effect that examiners (including Paper-setters) for the School Final Examinations should not be appointed ordinarily from among the College Lecturers or Professors.

(b) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to question a).

408. **Mr. Joseph Pettah.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) whether any rule or convention has been laid down within the last four or five years to the effect that Examiners (including Paper-setters) for the School Final Examinations should not ordinarily be appointed from among the College Lecturers and Professors in the State;

(b) and, if so, what are the reasons which prompted the authorities concerned to lay down such a rule or convention?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Please see the answer to question No. 407.

Appointment of Examiners for the S. F. Examination.

409. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to state the general policy or principle, if any, on which Examiners (including Paper-setters) for the School Final Examinations of the State are appointed?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Selection of Examiners depends upon the following factors:—

1 Service in the department.
2 Scholarship.
3 Efficiency.
4 Reliability.

(b) As far as possible, seniority consistent with other essential factors is carefully looked into before recommendation is made. No officer can be considered to have a right to get the examinerships in virtue of any one or two of the above conditions.

The Board considers the merits of each individual and then decides as to the fitness of the person for the examinership in each particular subject.

The discussions in the meeting of the Board are kept strictly confidential.

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—Please see the answer to question No. 409.

Examiners for the S. F. Examination.

411. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government be pleased to furnish a list of the names of Examiners including Paper-setters appointed for the School Final Examinations of March 1931 and of March and September 1932?

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